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REMARKS

In the Final Rejection, it was indicated that claims 14-16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. This has now been done. Claim 10 as amended now recites the subject matter of claim 14 to which the Examiner made reference. Claims 15 and 16 are dependent upon claim 10 either directly or indirectly. The remaining claims have been canceled without prejudice to their being submitted as part of a continuation application.

It is believed that this amendment places this application in condition for allowance and thus this amendment is proper under provisions of Rule 116 and should be entered.

Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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